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> > DECISION ON PETITION

Mailed: Re application of: KENJI DATE, et al. Serial No. 10/617,872 Filed July 14, 2003

For: Porous Sintered Metal and Filter thereof, and Method for Producing Porous Sintered Metal

This is a decision on the PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS OR PHOTOGRAPHS 37 C.F.R.  $\Rightarrow$  1.84(a)(2) or (b)(2), filed December 27, 2004. The petition includes (1) the fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(h), (2) three sets of the color photographs, (3) an amendment to the specification which includes the language set forth in 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iv), and (4) an explanation stating why color photographs are necessary.

A review of the application record indicates that all of the requirements for acceptance of color photographs have been met.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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